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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence

FROM : E. H. Knoche  
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SUBJECT : Update of NSCID No. 7, "Critical Intelligence Communications"

1. References are:

a. A redraft of the existing NSCID No. 7, which it is proposed the CFI approve for forwarding to the National Security Council as part of a new package of NSCIDs, if the CFI rejects the proposal, submitted by separate memorandum of 9 March 1976 that the NSCID No. 7 be rescinded. (Tab A)

b. The existing NSCID No. 7, effective 17 February 1972.

2. In accordance with your direction at the 25 February 1975 meeting, the task group which is reviewing all of the NSCIDs examined NSCID No. 7 and recommended that it be rescinded. This has been concurred in by all elements of the Intelligence Community except NSA. It is our understanding that the Director, NSA, has sent Mr. Ellsworth a memorandum requesting retention of NSCID No. 7.

3. As the memorandum already provided to CFI members indicates, the basic elements of NSCID No. 7 are contained in Executive Order 11905, and the review task group considered this made reissuance of NSCID No. 7 unnecessary.

4. This is not a major issue since the existing NSCID No. 7 is only four paragraphs long and there is not controversy as to its contents. The only issue was duplication between E.O. 11905 and NSCID No. 7 in the event the NSCID were reissued.

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4. The Secretary of Defense shall collect foreign military intelligence information as well as military-related foreign intelligence information, including scientific, technical, political and economic information as required for the execution of his responsibilities.\*

5. The Central Intelligence Agency may collect, overtly, intelligence information in support of assigned functions or as a by-product of the assigned functions, provided that this collection involves no undesirable duplication of any of the specific assignments in paragraphs 2, 3 or 4 above, and provided that any such overt collection abroad is coordinated with the Department of State or with the U.S. Chief of Mission.

6. The Central Intelligence Agency, as a service of common concern, shall conduct the selective exploitation within the United States of cooperating non-governmental organizations and individuals as sources of foreign intelligence information. Other components of the Intelligence Community may participate in such exploitation under the supervision of the Director of Central Intelligence.



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8. The Central Intelligence Agency shall be responsible for the acquisition and translation of foreign language publications for intelligence purposes, as appropriate, as a service of common concern.

9. Departments and agencies carrying out overt collection activities set forth in this Directive shall recognize, in establishing collection programs, the needs and capabilities of the other departments and agencies.

\* Quoted from Section 4 of E.O. 11905

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